A Message From Our Principal

BEWARE OF ROLE PLAYING

It is with much anticipation and expectation that I return to the Senior High School. I have always recalled my six years as a teacher of English in the Senior High School as happy, meaningful years. I return as its principal with a sense of pride and humility and look forward to renewing old acquaintances and striking new ones among staff and students. As I perused the student list, I noted many familiar names, perhaps the brothers and sisters of former students of mine. I feel at home already.

I certainly would not want this statement to take on the semblance of a lecture. However, permit me the liberty of encouraging all - administrators, teachers, counselors, students, parents - to look into themselves in order to discover whether or not the roles they play each day have superseded the basic role of being a human being. Such role playing may tend to develop attitudes incompatible with human dignity, trust, pride and integrity. This does not mean that we ignore responsibilities, obligations or commitments (educational, social, parental). It does mean that we look at each other in terms of mutual respect.

Finally, my office is always open to assist pupils. If you have questions or doubts about some function of our school program or school procedures, please see me or someone who can resolve your questions or doubts. To harbor doubts or give credence to gossip or rumor can only lead to distrust.

I wish all a most productive year.

Mr. William J. Capriotti, Principal

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Meat Shortages Hit MN Cafeterias

Remember those cheese steak sandwiches? How about milk for 5¢, hoagies for 45¢ and platters for 50¢? They will remain but memories. A combination of meat shortages and inflation has brought about certain changes.

Mr. Roland Crimsley, supervisor of Marple Newtown school cafeterias, has assured us, though, that chipped steak and cheese steak sandwiches are the only items dropped from the menu. Hotdogs, hamburgers, pizza, and hoagies have survived thus far.

The freezers contain hamburger bought at pre-phase four prices. Consequently, hamburgers and cheeseburgers won't cost any more than they did last June.

Mr. Crimsley has considered soybean burgers, but he maintains they are not much cheaper than hamburger. The price of soybeans escalated quickly as consumer interest and demand grew.

Price problems

Unfortunately, the hoagie has not fared as well as the hamburger. Every ingredient in a hoagie - tomato, lettuce, onion, cold cuts - costs much more now than even six or eight weeks ago. Instead of dropping this favorite, Mr. Crimsley chose to keep it on the menu. The price, not the quality, of the sandwich is changed.

"I feel, and I think others would agree with me, that I would rather pay a little more and get a good sandwich than pay a little less and get a rotten sandwich," reasoned Crimsley.

"I was down the shore this summer and I compared prices. Students go to the shore, and if they've been eating out at all they know the criterion. I think they'll be willing to pay more."

Platters will remain at 50 cents. A la carte prices may increase, but there is no "limit" - a student may buy as much as he wants, or can afford.

"No, I don't expect business to decrease," commented Crimsley. "From past experience I know that sales may be down about five percent the first week. In three or four weeks business will be back to normal."

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STUDENTS GRANTED OUTDOOR SMOKING AREAS

Marple Newtown has designated four outside smoking areas this year. They are located:

1) At the exit adjacent to room 122, not including the grass area.
2) On the macadam area between the cafeteria and physical education wing, but not beyond the wings of the building.
3) On the cemented area between the Music Department and the Industrial Arts Department.
4) On the cemented walk beneath the overpass connecting the old wing with the new wing, but not on the grass area of the courtyard.

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THE TIGER'S EYE

"Please fill out these forms in triplicate and have your parents sign two and your goldfish sign one."

The first day of school has begun, and what fun it is! As you go from class to class (late, of course-you couldn't find the room ; so what if you're a Senior!) you are asked to answer questions on three-by-five cards about yourself and your activities or hobbies. For your English teacher's questionnaire your hobby is "reading" ; for the math teacher's, it's "operating Super Deluxe IOXL Digital Computers."

The gym teachers hand out forms about rules and hygiene, but everyone already knows that if you try to wash your clothes at anytime other than Christmas and Spring Vacations you won't get them back in time, and you'll get a zero for the day. Then you're assigned lockers; if you're lucky, you get your lock by December.

Then you finally board the bus home, you have to cover a giant stack of books, most of which never make it home again.

But don't be disheartened; there are only 179 days left!

MY MARK

MEAT SHORTAGES

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Will brown - baggers take over the cafeteria? Again Grimsley is confident. "Students bring their lunch for a while but prices go up in the stores, too. Mothers will realize this, and after a while they'll let their children buy lunch at school."

Federal, state programs

In the past, three programs helped keep the cafeteria out of the red.

One, a federal milk program, subsidized school systems, enabling them to offer milk inexpensively. This program has been cancelled, causing the price of milk to double.

Another, which will continue, deals with financial aid. The state reimburses the school a certain amount for each platter sold.

The third program supplies the cafeterias with large quantities of staples, including flour, sugar, and peanut butter.

No answers ...

What would happen if this program were cancelled?

"We have to work on the assumption that this program will continue,"Grimsley replied. "If we don't receive the food, prices will, of course, go up. And with the shortage of wheat flour this year we may not receive enough to meet our needs. If I don't have answers to some questions it's because this has never happened before. You can go to my superiors and ask them if you wish. If they don't have all the answers, it's just because this hasn't happened before."

But plenty of meat

He may not have the answers but don't worry about him not having meat. "I've been in this business 25 years, and I've dealt with the same meat company. They have plenty of meat."

Yes, but what about the quality? "I've known them and they won't stoop to such a thing. They'd tell me if they'd lowered their quality."

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Today, with the institution of four outdoor smoking areas, the administration has answered the first on a list of student requests.

This list includes open study halls and alternative education programs.

At the present time, these policies are receiving considerable attention. The principal has revealed great interest in them. Nevertheless, change remains but a figment of someone's imagination, the basis of talk, not action.

It is the job of the students of Marple Newtown to see that these changes become reality. This task calls for cooperation and demonstration of responsihility.

Since the beginning of time, man has known that strength lies in number. If Marple Newtown is to see even the slightest change, the students must work together. Student government, our most effective weapon, must be used effectively.

Last year, student council was weak, operating without student support. We clamored for action concerning the addition of smoking lounges but failed to attend before and after school meetings on this subject. This type of behavior will never lead to policy changes. Why would, or, for that matter, should, the administration exert time and effort when the students fail to do the same.

This year, we must support our student council, offer advice, agreement, and arguement, and restore it to the position of strength if deserves.

Finally, to prove outselves worthy or further privileges, we must assume responsibility for the privilege tht has been granted us this year. Each and every one of us must see that the bathrooms are restored to their intended purposes. Each and every one of us must see that we smoke in only the designated areas. And each and every one of us must see that these areas remain clean. No one wants to stand in a pile of trash.

Cooperation and responsible behavior are the keys to success. Together, these keys should open the doors to a better Marple Newtown.

If they fail, we have only ourselves to blame.

Ellen Ginsburg

Classes Held in Hallways

Three classrooms in the corridor have been instituted this year to provide sufficient space for MHS's large student body.

Room 150 is located beyond the main office in the Driver's Ed lobby. Room 160 is found in the study carrel between the History and Industrial Arts departments. The second floor faculty lounge, adjacent the counseling suite, is the location of room 250. Because of these classrooms Sophomores need no longer attend classes at Marple Newtown Junior High.

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Seven New Teachers Join MN Faculty

Seven new teachers, selected from interviews with the principal, department chairmen, assistant superintendent, and superintendent, have been welcomed to the Senior High this year.

"Any effective staff of teachers," explained Mr. Capriotti, "needs to be a composite of various age and experience groups."

James Wolf, former assistant basketball coach at the University of Oregon, will teach Business Education. He will also serve as head basketball coach of the MN team. Donald Ott will teach Driver Education and coach football at MN Junior High School.

Mrs. Sally Yeager, former writer for Jack Paar, and Mrs. Patricia Forrest will teach English. Other new teachers include Paula Weisfeld, home economics, Deborah De Sarafino, physical education, and Sharon McKearon, art.

The administration has decided that no sophomores will atend classes at MN Junior High School. If classroom space is scarce, teacher's lounges and lobbies will be used. For this reason, Thomas McHugh, English, Rosalia Mullin, social studies, and George Mayer, mathmatics, of the Junior High will also join the Senior High teaching staff.

Summer Theatre Ends With Toad of Toad Hall

Toad of Toad Hall, a musical adaptation of The Wind and the Willows, was performed before audiences on August 1 and 2 as the final presentation of the '73 summer drama season.

The story tells of a society of animals, particularly Toad, a conceited, trouble - prone individual. Only with the help of his friends does Toad get back on his feet.

Together with Karen Alston, portraying Toad, the cast included Gail Rudolph, Danny Bartholemew, and Rick Tengdin.

Returning to summer theatre offering their talents and experience were Jeff Shandler, director, Susan Cash, choreographer, Jim Rodman, choral director, and Jeff Shimer, technical coordinator. Music was provided by Jeff Shandler and Joe Noce on organ and piano, respectively.

Two sets of three student-directed one act plays, including Chouder and Cherries, The Haunted Theatre, and Red Pepper, were also produced this summer.

Mr. Henry Fetterman supervised the summer drama program.

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Students are permitted to smoke in these designated areas before school, between classes, and after school.

Students at lunch are restricted to the area between the cafeteria and the physical education wing.

Any student found smoking inside the building will be suspended up to 10 days with no make-up privileges. A parent conference will also be held.

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MN Senior Designs Brotherhood Button

Larry Bloom, a senior at Marple Newtown, has designed and copyrighted a "peace and brotherhood" button.

The idea came to Larry as he watched a "peace handshake" between football player Brian Piccolo (who was white and dying of cancer) and his teammate and good friend, Gale Sayers (a black man), during the movie, Brian's Song.

Larry employed red for the main color of his button to emphasize the fact that all people have the same color blood, despite the color of their skin. The background of blue-green represents the sky and the sea.

"The peace handshake on the button stands for brotherhood between all men of all colors- white, black, red, yellow. I hope this will help promote the idea of peace and brotherhood," explained Larry.

When asked about the success of his sales, Larry replied, "Fantastic! I sold 2,000 buttons to the Philadelphia OIC and hundreds in schools. Right now, I am trying to persuade the NFL to purchase some. In fact, I'm having 5,000 decals of the same design manufactured, and I'm considering an ad in the Rolling Stone.

Larry has given his button to several noteworthy people, including Governor Milton Shapp, Senator Richard Schweiker, Mayor Frank Rizzo, Daniel Ellsberg, and Mrs. Martin Luther King.

"Only one of them didn't like it," he quipped.

CAREER CENTER CREATED

The counselors of MN Senior High have started a Career Service Center which will allow students to research different careers of interest to them.

The Center, located in the library reading room, contains reading material and visual aids.

Guest speakers and college representatives will also visit the center.

The purpose of the Center is to make the people of the community more aware of different career opportunities.

Students will be excused from study hall to use the Center and teachers are expected to bring their classes there.

Mr. McNany, in charge of the Center, claims this is the beginning of a strong career emphasis in the district. Different branches will eventually be established in the elementary and junior high schools.

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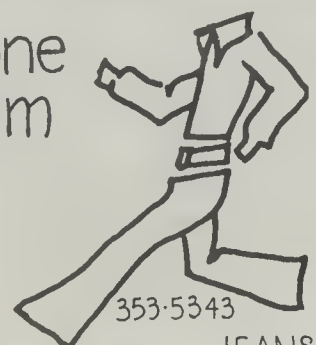

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